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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Council conclusions on European Court of Auditors Special Report No 25/2023 on EU aquaculture policy

1. On 15 November 2023, the European Court of Auditors published its Special report No 25/2023 on 'EU aquaculture policy: Stagnating production and unclear results despite increased EU funding'¹.
2. On 29 November 2023, Coreper 2 designated the Working Party on Fisheries Policy to examine the Court of Auditors Special report and draw up draft Council conclusions on that report.²
3. The Court of Auditors' representatives presented the Special report in the meeting of the Working Party on Fisheries Policy on 7 December 2023.
4. The Presidency presented the first draft of the Council conclusions on the Special report³, based on the comments received by delegations⁴, to the Working Party on Fisheries Policy on 17 January 2024.

¹ OJ C/2023/1042, 17.11.2023; [Special report 25/2023: EU aquaculture policy | European Court of Auditors \(europa.eu\)](#)

² ST 15923/23

³ ST 5399/24

⁴ ST 17120/23 + ADD 1-4

5. The text was revised⁵, based on additional comments received by delegations⁶, and discussed in the meetings of the Working Party on Fisheries Policy on 25 and 31 January 2024. It was agreed on, with an additional modification,⁷ by the Working Party on Fisheries Policy on 31 January 2024.
6. In light of the above, it is suggested that the Committee of Permanent Representatives invites the Council to:
- approve the draft Council conclusions on the European Court of Auditors Special report No. 25/2023 on EU aquaculture policy as set out in document ST 6023/24.
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⁵ ST 5399/1/24 REV 1, ST 5399/2/24 REV 2

⁶ ST 5603/24, ST 5940/24

⁷ ST 6023/24